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WE STRONGLY URGE THAT THE USCGC BURTON ISLAND VISIT BE PROGRAMMED FOR MELBOURNE DURING THE MOOMBA FESTIVAL (FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 8). THE FESTIVAL, ORGANIZED OVER 21 YEARS AGO, IS THE LARGEST IN AUSTRALIA AND ONE OF THE LARGEST FREE FESTIVALS IN THE WORLD. IN 1975 ALMOST FIVE MILLION PEOPLE ATTENDED SOME 150 EVENTS OVER THE TEN-DAY PERIOD. WE BELIEVE THAT A VISIT BY THE BURTON ISLAND WOULD BE ESPECIALLY APPROPRIATE IN THIS BICENTENNIAL YEAR AND WOULD GREATLY ASSIST IN FULFILLING U.S. POLICY OBJECTIVES IN THIS COUNTRY.

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